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# Wentworth Gardens

*Mildred Louise*

A beautiful large flow-  
ering strawberry-pink  
Gladiolus of outstanding  
performance and merits.  
See page 5.



1936

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

# *Items of Interest*

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**Where to Put What.** The class each variety belongs in is rather difficult to determine, so for our gladiolus enthusiast's convenience, we are listing after the name of each variety the class as to color and size in which that variety belongs at a gladiolus show.

(Ex.) signifies Exhibition class and (Dec.) Decorative class. This merely divides the varieties as to flower size, not beauty, the Exhibition type including the largest flowering gladiolus and the Decorative a bit smaller, each including many lovely varieties. Varieties marked New are recent originations and have not as yet been classified by the American Gladiolus Society.

**Why Not Belong** to several Gladiolus Societies? It is one of the requisites to becoming a gladiolus fan. Membership in two such societies as the American Gladiolus Society, Goshen, Indiana, and the New England Gladiolus Society, Oakdale, Mass., will be well worth your investment. For your yearly dues of \$2.00 to the A. G. S., you receive their monthly publication, *Gladiolus Review*, and for \$1.00 to the N. E. G. S., a yearly gladiolus book, both being very worth while.

**Gladiolus Popularity.** Not alone should the ever-increasing popularity of the Gladiolus be credited to the many societies, but a great deal to the flower itself and to the hybridizers who have produced such a galaxy of colors and variation in sizes. Varieties that grow only a few inches tall to these giants as high as eight feet, varieties with small, delicate and laciniated blooms to those with massive florets should include something to suit anyone's taste.

**Your Flower Loving Friends** might be interested in receiving a copy of this catalog. If so, kindly drop us a card or letter, giving their name and address, and if you enclose an order, there will be an extra bulb or two for you.

**Dutch Bulbs and Peonies** will be listed in our Fall Bulb and Peony List. If you are interested in these flowers, let us know so we may send you a copy.

**May Our Catalog and Wentworth Gardens be of Service to You.**

**George T. Wentworth.**

# *Wentworth Gladiolus*



*Red Phipps*

**Aida.** Dark violet. (Dec.). A beautiful dark blue with fine habits. This Gladiolus is nearest in color to true blue of all varieties. It is early, tall, straight and strong. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 35c.**

**Aflame.** Scarlet. (Ex.). Large begonia-rose, shaded to bright flame at the base. Four to six flowers of excellent texture open at once. Popular as a cut flower and good for hybridizing. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Albatros.** White. (Ex.). A fine pure white with the form of the florets suggesting lilies. Four to six blooms open at once. Good propagator and strong grower. Very well liked white Gladiolus. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Amador.** Scarlet. (Ex.). Glowingly brilliant describes this Gladiolus. It is a red flower that does not burn in the sun. Grows on tall, straight spikes. Growing in popularity as a cut flower. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Bagdad.** Smoky. (Ex.). A smoky old rose flower with a lighter throat. One of the most beautiful smokies. Very tall and straight when well grown, with six large flowers open. Late. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Benedict.** (New). Lovely soft deep rose. The round, ruffled florets, of good substance open six at once. **1 large bulb, 50c. 1 medium bulb, 30c.**

**Berty Snow.** Lavender. (Ex.). Pinkish lavender, often with a darker fleck. It is a good propagator. From seven to ten flowers open at once. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Betty Nuthall.** Orange. (Ex.). Coral-pink, shading to orange. The throat is marked with yellow. The immense spikes are one of the best commercial varieties grown. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Bill Sowden.** Scarlet. (Ex.). A deep red flecked with darker red. Grows to medium height and open five to six 5½-inch flowers. The color is gorgeous and it is considered by some to be the most beautiful red. **2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

## MILDRED LOUISE, Collection

10 Large MILDRED LOUISE 10 Large Pelegrina

10 Large Albatros

10 Large Mother Machree

10 Large Bagdad

An All-Star Collection  
For **\$4.00**

One-half of the above collection, \$2.50.

# Wentworth Quality Exhibition Gladiolus

Blue Admiral



**Blue Admiral.** Dark violet. (Ex.). An excellent dark violet-blue. The spikes are tall and straight. Though the color is not as dark as Pelegrina, it is more pleasing to some. Reports on it are excellent. **1 large bulb, 60c; 10 for \$4.80.** **1 medium bulb, 35c; 10 for \$2.80.**

**Blue Moon.** Light violet. (Ex.). This is a light violet with a small purple plume. It is an excellent propagator. An easily grown blue. Though not as true a blue as some, we personally thought it a beauty. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20.** **1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Bob White.** White with markings. (Ex.). A white flower with a bright red blotch. Five florets open at once, about 4½ inches across. Should be a good Glad for florists as well as for exhibition. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20.** **1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Christabel.** Light pink. (Ex.). Shrimp-pink with a cream throat. The tall spike bears eight to ten 5-inch florets open at once. In our fields it looks very strong and is a rapid propagator. **1 large bulb, 25c; 10 for \$2.00.** **1 medium bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20.**

**Commander Koehl.** Red. (Ex.). A dark clear red. The flowers grown on a tall stem have petals of extra heavy texture. A good cut flower and probably the finest medium-priced red. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c.** **2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**D. A. Hayes.** Pure pink. (Ex.). A large pink flower with a cream throat. Many florets open at once on the exhibition type spike. A good propagator and is becoming a very popular variety. **1 large bulb, \$1.00.** **1 medium bulb, 60c.**

**Dream of Beauty.** (Ex.). A large rose-red. A tall, strong growing flower that we thought a most attractive, rich color. Popular with florists. **1 large bulb, 20c.** **1 medium bulb, 15c.**

**Early Melody.** (Ex.). A light lilac-pink with cream markings. The 4½-inch florets, well placed on a tall spike, open six or seven at once. It is a good early commercial Gladiolus. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.00.** **2 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 50c.**

**Golden Dream.** Yellow. (Dec.). A tall, deep yellow flower. Opens seven 4-inch, well arranged florets. A good yellow and a good propagator. **2 large bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.** **4 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 20c.**

**Golden Poppy.** (New). An intensely yellow flower tinged with orange. A good yellow cut flower and strong propagator. **1 large bulb, 10c.** **2 medium bulbs, 15c.**

## BLUE ADMIRAL Collection

**1 Large Blue Admiral**

**5 Large Bob White**

**1 Large Christabel**

**5 Large Dream o' Beauty**

**3 Large Blue Moon**

**5 Large Early Melody**

A Collection of Recent  
Introductions

**\$2.50**

**Graf Zeppelin.** Scarlet. (Ex.). Brilliant scarlet-red. Though the spikes are of medium height and the flower head rather short it is an especially good color. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Hinemoa.** Smoky. (Ex.). A deep rose with a darker fleck and a yellow throat. Opens seven florets on a tall spike. It is very spectacular, the markings suggesting the spread wings of a butterfly. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Honor.** Lavender. (Ex.). A clear lavender, the lower petal marked with self color on white. The flower head is unusually large and borne on a straight stem. Lovely color. **1 large bulb, \$2.00. 1 medium bulb, \$1.00.**

**Irene.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). A rich salmon-rose with a yellow throat. Edges marked with grey. Tall and strong with many florets open. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**John Ramsay.** (New). (Ex.). Very deep salmon-rose with a white throat, flecked with darker self color. Many florets open at once on a tall, strong stem. Good exhibition variety. **1 large bulb, 20c; 10 for \$1.60. 1 medium bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20.**

**J. S. Bach.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). Very large salmon-orange, with white midribs, color varies sometimes to darker shade. Flower spikes are massive with eight or more large florets open at once. An early variety and especially fine when well grown. **1 large bulb, 80c. 1 medium bulb, 50c.**

**Lavender Delight.** Lavender. (Ex.). A pure lavender with white throat. Deeper shade than Minuet. Good straight, medium height spikes. An excellent grower and propagator. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Londonderry.** (New). A very tall orange with a bronze tint. A novel color with excellent spikes bearing about seven 4½-inch flowers open. **1 large bulb, \$5.00.**

**Loyalty.** Yellow. (Ex.). A clear-deep yellow with several large flowers open. Larger than most yellows and considered the best in this color for commercial use. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Margaret Fulton.** Salmon-pink. (Dec.). Clear rich coral of unusual beauty of color. Lighter throat. Six to eight medium blooms open. Excellent substance and should be a fine cut flower variety. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 3 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**



*Graf Zeppelin*

## GRAF ZEPPELIN Collection

10 Large Graf Zeppelin    4 Large Lavender Delight  
10 Large John Ramsay    1 Large Honor

A Collection of New    **\$4.00**  
Reds and Lavenders

The feature of this collection is the variety Honor, which has been winning over Minuet at the Gladiolus Shows.

# *Wentworth Quality Gladiolus*

**Maid of Orleans.** Cream. (Ex.). Lovely milk-white with a cream throat. Florets unusually well placed on a straight tall spike. Probably most sought after of the commercial whites. **1 large bulb, 12c; 10 for 90c.** **2 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c.**

**Mary Elizabeth.** Cream. (Ex.). Beautiful ruffled white with yellow throat. Fine tall spikes show six to eight medium blooms open. Excellent exhibition variety. **1 large bulb, 25c; 10 for \$2.00.** **1 medium bulb, 20c; 10 for \$1.60.**

**Mauve Magic.** (New). Odd shade of lavender-mauve. Eight large blooms open on a long spike. **1 large bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.** **2 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c.**

**May Davidson.** (New). Soft rose overlaid with grey, splashed with darker blotches. Opens about eight 5-inch florets on a strong, tall stem. Good germinator and propagator. Fine exhibition variety. **1 large bulb, 50c.** **1 medium bulb, 35c.**

**Mildred Louise.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). A pure strawberry-pink on upper petals, lower petals tipped strawberry-pink blending to a soft yellow, faintly penciled with red deep in the throat. Anthers are delphinium-blue. The large, triangularly shaped florets are exceptionally well placed on tall, straight stems, with six open at once and eighteen to twenty buds on a spike. Its excellent substance and heat resisting qualities make it a valuable cut flower. Consistent winner as a show variety. **1 large bulb, 20c; 10 for \$1.60.** **1 medium bulb, 12c; 10 for \$1.00.**

**Minuet.** Lavender. (Ex.). Large, beautiful, light pinkish lavender. The finest lavender and in great demand. Opens five, six and seven flowers on a nearly perfect spike. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c.** **4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Miss Greeley.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). Rich pink flecked darker, similar to, but three weeks earlier than W. H. Phipps. Excellent propagator. **2 large bulbs, 16c; 10 for 66c.** **2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 44c.**

**Mother Machree.** Smoky. (Ex.). Smoky lavender tinted with salmon-pink at edges. Very beautiful tall, smoky that should be picked in the bud and opened indoors. **1 large bulb, 10c; 10 for 60c.** **2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Mrs. S. A. Errey.** Orange. (Ex.). Largest of the orange varieties, with orange-red throat. Eight to ten huge blooms open on a tall spike. Should be opened indoors as it fades in hot sun. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c.** **4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

*Maid of Orleans*



## MAID OF ORLEANS Collection

10 Large Maid of Orleans    5 Large Albatras  
5 Large Mary Elizabeth    5 Large Palar Ice

A Good Collection of the  
New White Varieties    **\$3.00**

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Picardy

## Wentworth Gladiolus

**Netherland Prince.** Orange. (Ex.). Huge bright salmon. Six to eight 6½-inch blooms open on a tall, strong stem. Very heavy flower head. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Pelegrina.** Dark violet. (Ex.). Dark blue-violet with deeper throat. Seven or more 4½-inch flowers of good substance open at once, with nearly all remaining buds showing color. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Pensacola.** (New). A most outstanding pure scarlet-red, richer than Commander Koehl. Seven 5-inch florets on a medium tall stem. Good grower. Scarce. **1 large bulb, \$5.00. 1 medium bulb, \$3.00.**

**Picardy.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). Soft shrimp-pink without flecking, lighter flesh-pink throat. Tall, strong stem bears seven to eight 6-inch florets open. Fine cut flower. Very consistent exhibition winner. **2 large bulbs, 12c; 10 for 50c. 4 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 30c.**

**Pinnacle.** (New). A new rose-pink. Ten to twelve medium size blooms open at once on a tall, strong spike. So many perfectly placed florets open at a time should make it an excellent commercial as well as exhibition variety. **1 large bulb, 65c. 1 medium bulb, 40c.**

**Pirate.** Rose. (Ex.). Beautiful dark rose-red. Lighter in upper throat. Opens several large blooms at a time. Good grower. **1 large bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20. 1 medium bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c.**

**Polar Ice.** White. (Ex.). Snow-white. An early medium to large bloom, opening six to eight on a tall, straight spike. Florets of heavy texture placed a little similar to Albatros. Probably the best early pure white. **1 large bulb, 25c; 10 for \$2.20. 1 medium bulb, 18c; 10 for \$1.60.**

**Prairie Gold.** (New). Deep rich golden yellow, marked with carmine pencilings. Opens four to five medium blooms on a long spike head. Vigorous grower and propagator. **1 large bulb, \$5.00. 1 medium bulb, \$5.00.**

**Radiance.** Red. (Ex.). A beautiful, glistening red. Medium sized florets borne on tall, straight stems. Very prolific. Should be good exhibition type. **1 large bulb, 10c; 10 for 80c. 2 medium bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c.**

**Red Phipps.** Red. (Ex.). A glowing red. Good placement of the medium sized florets and a strong stem. Fine commercial red. Florists like its live pure color. **2 large bulbs, 16c; 10 for 66c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 44c.**

### PICARDY Collection

10 Large Picardy  
10 Large MILDRED LOUISE  
10 Large Margaret Fultan  
10 Large Netherland Prince

\$3.50

A collection of salmon-pink varieties and a good chance to study and compare the differences.

# Wentworth Quality Gladiolus

Rose Standish



**Rose Standish.** Rose-pink. (Ex.). A clear light rose-pink. Beautiful ruffled florets open five or six of medium size at once. They are well placed on a straight, slender spike, carrying eighteen or more buds. The buds showing color are especially lovely. Good for florist work. **1 large bulb, 50c; 10 for \$4.00. 1 medium bulb, 35c; 10 for \$3.00.**

**Salbach's Pink.** Salmon-pink. (Ex.). A large late geranium-pink with faint carmine pencilings in throat. Six or more open on a long spike. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Senorita.** Orange. (Ex.). Large true orange with red markings on lower petals. Petals are long and fluted. Exceedingly showy blooms on a medium long stem. A novelty. **2 large bulbs, 15c; 10 for 60c. 2 medium bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c.**

**Silversheen.** (New). A salmon-pink of glowing hue marked on the lower petals with a white tongue. Strong, tall grower with as many as ten blooms open. Good exhibition variety. **1 large bulb, 25c; 10 for \$2.00. 1 medium bulb, 15c; 10 for \$1.20.**

**Smiling Maestro.** Orange. (Ex.). Deep salmon-rose flaked with brown. Strong, tall exhibition spikes bear seven to eight 6-inch flowers. Impressed us as good commercial. **1 large bulb, 75c; 10 for \$6.40. 1 medium bulb, 50c; 10 for \$4.40.**

**So Big.** Rose-pink. (Ex.). A deep rose-pink with violet markings on lower petal. Opens six to eight huge blooms on a tall, straight spike. Looks very good. **1 large bulb, \$8.00. 1 medium bulb, \$4.00.**

**Splendorra.** Dark red. (Dec.). Slightly ruffled very dark red. Good form and substance. Florets placed well on tall, straight stems. **2 large bulbs, 10c; 10 for 40c. 10 medium bulbs, 20c.**

**Tip-Top.** Red. (Ex.). Flaming scarlet-red. About six 6-inch flowers open on tall spikes. Should be staked as blooms are very heavy. **1 large bulb, 60c. 1 medium bulb, 40c.**

**Vienna Woods.** (New). A deep violet-blue. Perhaps a little lighter than Blue Admiral. Should be a good commercial. Probably the best propagator among the dark blues. **1 large bulb, \$5.00. 1 medium bulb, \$3.00.**

## ROSE STANDISH Collection

10 Large Rose Standish  
10 Large Bagdad  
10 Large Red Phipps  
10 Large Miss Greeley  
10 Large Maid of Orleans

**\$5.50**

This collection features the new variety Rose Standish. A beautiful ruffled rose-pink Gladiolus.

One-half the above collection, \$3.00.